

Digital apps for study

This was our advert...



Are you an app aficionado or do you feel that you are behind the times making use of those little programmes which others seem to rely on? This brand new workshop will be sharing ideas of digital tools and apps that support students, including ones provided by the university. There will also be opportunities for you to share apps there have worked for you to do come ready to explain to your fellow students why they should use your favourite app to support their study as well.

What are SHL workshops?



- Studenthublive is non modular and focuses on study skills relevant to higher education
- This means all sessions are skills based and are not subject based. We cannot provide subject/ faculty related sessions
- SHL workshops do not take the place of tutorials provided by your modules
- All events are always advertised on our website along with studenthome news, social media channels and careers sources
- All events are bookable; workshops do fill up as they are popular

Online workshop basics



- Polls are anonymous to other participants but the chat box will have your logged in name associated with your comments during the live session.
- All online sessions are recorded and available to view on catch up after the event.
- Slides are available to download during the session and from <https://studenthublive.open.ac.uk/content/making-use-digital-tools-and-apps-study-14-jan-2025>

SHL is lively!



- These sessions are large scale
- They are often busy with lots of interaction
- They are not the same as other module-based tutorials
- You can maximise slides on your own screen by clicking the icon
- You can return to the recording after the event to revisit if needed



Please



- Do not share any personal information in the chat pod during the session.
- On the recording names will be anonymised to user number.
- However if you type anyone's full name or any other personal information in the chat pod it can be seen by everybody and it would also show up on the recording so we may not be able to make the recording available.

Today's workshop



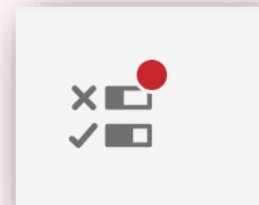
- This is going to be a semi-structured session to help you consider where apps might be useful in your study and which ones there could be.
- We will start by showcasing some of the ones the OU provides and then it will be a case of finding out from you which ones are useful and why!
- The session will be quite reactive as the majority will be about students sharing their ideas of apps that have helped.

What do you want to learn?

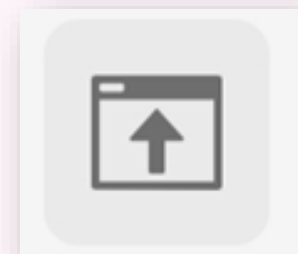


Using the short answer poll provided please say what you are hoping to learn from today's session

(If you are on a mobile app remember you need to tap into the polling option)



To come back to these slides after completing a poll click on the share pod slides icon



My cohost today



- Anton is an Educational Adviser from the Student Support Team in FBL/WELS. I have been working for the OU since 2016. I have previously studied with the Open University completing NVQs and a Postgraduate qualification. I am also part of the EDI Champions group.

Introductory poll



How do you feel about using apps in your every day life (not study at the moment)?
Please select whichever is most appropriate for you

- Like and use a lot
- Use a lot but not so keen / don't like too much
- Would like in outline but have never looked at what is available
- Like but don't use a lot
- Don't like and don't use (could use)
- Don't have a smartphone to use apps

Word cloud



- **Why do you choose to use one app rather than an alternative?**
- Please use the word cloud to give your answer. As word clouds are built from common answers hopefully there will be some ideas that are common.

Enter word here

Now what about study?



- Presumably you have decided to come / listen because you like the idea of using apps for study 😊
- **What is it about apps that you think would be useful for study?**
- Please explain in the short answer poll so we can see some reasons.

Why not?



- Please answer the question **why would you not use an app if on as available** (or what would people in general if you can't think of your own situation)?
- Please use the poll pod provided so we can see what kinds of things might come up.

Moving on



- So we have discussed why apps might be useful (or not) so let's get on to some examples 😊

OU provided apps - Wellbeing



- [Talk campus](#)
- [OU wellbeing app](#)

OU provided apps 2



- [OU study app](#)
- Module materials and content

OU provided apps 3



- [Adobe connect mobile app](#)

National support network



- <https://ou.nsn.org.uk/>
- Aka find help fast
- Portal for access to various support apps

Now it's your turn!



- We are now going to think about potential places where apps could be useful and invite you to share your experience based on those categories.
- For each topic we will introduce the area then will see what you suggest.
- If you can add details about that app as well as its name it would help as we will be trying to pick out and read out examples.

Time management



- Everyone has to manage their time with competing demands.
- Please share your suggestions of apps that help.

Wellbeing



- We mentioned the OU wellbeing apps but what others do you use or have you heard of that can help wellbeing?
- Please share 😊

Study skills - notes



- Now we will think about some specific study areas where apps could be useful.
- To start with- note taking – are there any apps that work well for you? It could be a type of note taking or something creative – it's about your suggestions

Study skills – organising ideas



- Outside of note taking you need to be able to organise ideas perhaps to answer a specific TMA or to understand a topic or even to revise content towards an exam.
- What apps are there that help you organise ideas?

Study skills - referencing



- Everyone loves referencing – there are apps or tools to help.
- Does anyone have any to share?

Any other areas?



- Are there any other apps that make your study life easier overall or you haven't had the chance to mention? Now's the time!

Take home message



- Apps can be useful as can be sharing with others
- What works for one person may work for another but doesn't have to
- Try out different options and see what works for you

Would you like to be involved?



- If you would like to share your experiences and take part in future studenthublive sessions then please get in touch
- I (Isabella) will host a variety of sessions in 2025 which will involve student guests for disabilities as well as the neurodiverse community series and other study skills including reflection. If you or any other OU student you know might like to be involved please contact us
- studenthub@open.ac.uk

Selected Upcoming events



- **21 Jan** **11am** **Wellbeing for students**
- 4 Feb 11am Managing high intensity study
- 11 Feb 7pm Understanding graphical data
- 13 Feb 11am Tackling procrastination successfully
- 18 Feb 7pm Fundamental maths skills
- 25 Feb 7pm Logical problem solving

For more information on all past and upcoming events, go to <http://studenthublive.open.ac.uk/>

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